and interest subsidy to revive the production cycle. The relief will involve ar outlay of Rs. 155.00 lakhs.

Promotion in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2074. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1968 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether action initiated for filling up posts in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has since been completed;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the general public relating to this issue and if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether the ad hoc arrangement made in filling up the post of Deputy Director (Admn and Coord.) at Varanasi is still continuing; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to discontinue such arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The ad-hoc appointment of the post of Deputy Director (Admn. & Coord.) at Varanasi will be discontinued as soon as the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission for filling up the post on regular basis is received by this office.

Malpractices/Irregularities in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

2075. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several malpractices/irregularities in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) were brought to light by the general public since March, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department has shown singular indifference to deal with references where senior officers are involved or where no benefits accure to such officers; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to fix responsibility in all such cases and to rectify the irregularities pointed out?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) with a large number of field establishments does receive from time to time complaints/grievances from employees/general public which are always promptly attended to.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Drive to bring Shopkeepers, Taxi Owners etc. into Income-Tax Bracket

2076. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any drive to bring into income-tax bracket apparently petty, but in reality very rich persons like petty shopkeepers, kiosk owners, shopkeepers selling fruit juices, chatwalas, taxi owners, etc. in Delhi and other metropolitan cities like Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Bangalore, Ahmedabad etc;

(b) whether Government are aware that their daily income is quite high, sometime Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- per day;

(c) what was the number of such persons on whom income-tax was levied during 1989; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Survey of business and commercial premises is carried out regularly under the provisions of section 133B of the Income-tax Act at all places including metropolitan cities for the purpose of discovering persons having taxable income but who are hitherto not assessed to tax. Such a survey includes the survey of business premises of the type of persons mentioned in part (a) of the Question.

(b) and (c) During the calendar year 1989, a total number of 4,23,371 new income-tax assessees filed returns of income, which included 3052 returns showing income exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs.

(d) In view of reply to part (a) above, does not arise.

लेखापरीक्षा विभाग के विदेशों में कार्यरत कार्यालय

2077. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: क्या वित्तमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय लेखा विभाग के कार्यालय विदेशों में भी हैं, यदि हां, तो इन कार्यालयों में कार्य करने वाले अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति में क्या कार्यविधि अपनाई जाती है; और

(ख) क्या इन कार्यालयों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्ति भी कार्यरत हैं, यदि हां, तो उक्त कार्यालयों में कार्य कर रहे उक्त वर्ग के प्रथम श्रेणी, द्वितीय श्रेणी और तृतीय श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की संख्या क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते): (क) भारतीय लेखा परीक्षा और लेखा विभाग के विदेशों में दो लेखा परीक्षा कार्यालय हैं जो एक लंदन में तथा दूसरा वाशिंगटन में है । समूह "क" के पद भारतीय लेखा परीक्षा और लेखा सेवा के संवर्ग पद हैं और उनको उसी तरीके से भरा जाता है जैसा कि भारत में संवर्गगत पदों को भरा जाता है । समूह "ख" और "ग" अधिकारियों का चयन भारतीय लेखा-परीक्षा और लेखा विभाग के विभिन्न कार्यालयों में इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों में से किया जाता है । नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक के कार्यालय में वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों की एक समिति द्वारा जांच तथा साक्षात्कार के बाद एक पैनल तैयार किया जाता है जिसमें से तैनातियां की जाती हैं । कुछ समूह "ग" और "घ" कर्मचारी स्थानीय तौर पर भर्ती किये जाते हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) विदेशों में स्थित लेखा-परीक्षा कार्यालयों में पदों के लिये चयन विस्तृत क्षेत्र से तथा व्यापक आधार पर किया जाता है। जबकि इन कार्यालयों में इस समय अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति का कोई अधिकारी काम नहीं कर रहा है किन्तु जैसा कि नीचे बताया गया है इन कार्यालयों में अनुसूचित जाति समुदाय के अधिकारियों ने भी काम किया था तथा उनमें से एक अधिकारी ने अगस्त, 1989 के अन्त तक लंदन में काम किया :

श्रेणी	सं०	स्थान	अवधि
समूह "क"	1	वाशिंगटन	1982–84
समूह "ख"	1	लंदन	1986–89
समूह "ग"	1	लंदन	1980–84